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## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please insert the Sequence Listing being filed concurrently herewith into the specification.

## Please amend paragraph [0026] as follows:

[0026] Figure 4 illustrates the predicted conformation of cat T1R3 receptor <u>SEQ ID NO:2</u>). The cat T1R3 receptor is a seven-transmembrane domain receptor. The structure of the feline T1R3 receptor was generated through use of the protein modeling program available <u>online through the European Bioinformatics Instituteat</u>

<www.ebi.ac.uk/~moeller/transmembrane.html>.

## Please amend paragraph [0027] as follows:

[0027] Figure 5A shows the predicted conformation of cat T1R1 (SEQ ID NO:61), indicating that the receptor is a 7-transmembrane-type receptor. Figure 5B illustrates the predicted conformation of cat T1R2 (SEQ ID NO:64). Since feline T1R2 is a short protein (391 amino acids), a 7-transmembrane domain protein is not predicted. Without seven transmembrane domains, the cat T1R2 receptor may not interact appropriately with its dimerization partner, such as T1R3, and/or the plasma membrane, which may result in the cat's indifference toward sweet carbohydrates. The cat T1R2 may have another function.